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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT THAT AUSTRALIAN MFA HAS CONFIRMED
SOVIET REJECTION OF AUSTRALIAN HEAD OF
MILITARY MISSION IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) BONN 3010
(B) USBER 380 (NOTAL)

1. TODAY'S "SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG" (LIBERAL FRG DAILY)
CARRIES SHORT REPORT DATELINED CANBERRA THAT THE
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS OFFICIALLY SAID THAT THE
SOVIET UNION REJECTED THE AGREEMENT (SIC) FOR THE AUSTRALIAN
AMBASSADOR TO THE FRG TO BECOME HEAD OF THE AUSTRALIAN
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MILITARY MISSION IN BERLIN (REFTELS).

2. UPON LEARNING OF THIS REPORT, EMBASSY CONTACTED
AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY. AUSTRALIANS TELL US THAT SEVERAL
AUSTRALIAN PAPERS HAVE CARRIED REPORTS THAT THE
SOVIETS HAD REFUSED TO ACCREDIT THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSA-
DOR. THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

HOWEVER, YESTERDAY TOLD THE PRESS ONLY THAT IT HAD HEARD UNCONFIRMED REPORTS TO THIS EFFECT. IT WAS INVESTIGATING THE MATTER.

3. AUSTRALIANS HERE SAY THE "SUEDDEUTSCHE" ARTICLE MUST BE THE RESULT OF A MISUNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE AUSTRALIAN MFA ACTUALLY SAID.
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